

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 1, 2016

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Bridges led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Gary Cameron answered roll call. Antonia Walker, Student Advisor, was not present. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*.

PUBLIC HEARING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS: Mayor Pavey opened the public hearing for additional appropriations and asked for any comments or questions. There were none. Berkemeier moved to close the public hearing. Smith seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING REZONING AND TEXT AMENDMENT: Mayor Pavey opened the public hearing for rezoning and text amendment. He said this allows for more flexibility. Pavey asked for comments or questions. There were none. Smith moved to close the public hearing. Conner seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING WATER AND SEWER RATES: Mayor Pavey opened the public hearing on water and sewer rates. He asked if there were any questions or concerns. There were none. Conner moved to close the public hearing. Cameron seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

MINUTES: Bridges moved to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2016 meeting as presented. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilman Berkemeier abstaining from the vote since he did not attend that meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor Pavey reported that State Representative Tom Saunders contacted the state in regard to recent traffic issues. We have been told that the LED lighting it is okay for stop signs if we pay for installation. We would also need documentation as to why this type of lighting is needed. Indot said the rectangular option is best.

Pavey said they did come down and look at the sequencing of the downtown stop lights. Some of the lights are out of sequence but 2 of the lights are out of date and cannot be re-programmed. Those lights are on a replacement rotation, but we do not know when that rotation will take place.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Clerk-Treasurer Copley informed Council that she will be contacting them regarding mandatory training for internal controls.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – Pavey said we have a conference call coming up.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – The concert committee will be having their election of officers and begin making music selection for next year.
- **Marketing** – We are meeting.
- **APC/BZA** – The transition has been fairly smooth. Mayor Pavey met with Shelly and Carmen to discuss moving forward. We have a contract with JTL for review by the Board of Works.
- **City Center** – The ADA bid was under budget. The overall bid was over budget. We are looking at options.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – The project was funded. Pavey and Miller attended a quarterly meeting.
- **Brownfield Grant** – Testing continues on various locations.
- **ECDC** – No report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Animal – Warden Moran said the Hoosier Youth Challenge is having an event on Saturday and have asked the shelter to join them with an adoption event. There will be an inspection at the shelter tomorrow.

Park – Park Director Gurley said he checked the net at the ball diamond. He said it is too close to power lines for the Fire Department to take down so he will contact Duke. He said the net is not good. They will try to determine if we can do without it.

He said they are preparing to remove the wooden swings from the parks for the winter and to winterize the park restrooms.

Gurley said they have had several programs. Thirteen attended pintrest night at the park. There were approximately 77 in attendance at the Boys and Girls Club movie night. The haunted hayride had approximately 600 in attendance. Chief Tucker and Gurley gave a Halloween safety program to the kindergarten students. There were approximately 125 participants for the costume contest.

They are putting additional cameras In the parks.

Fire – Chief Jenkins said they have begun the process of promotion for the positions of captain and lieutenant.

Jenkins said so far this year they have had 66 double runs. This is causing an issue with the station not being covered. They have decided in the future they will pass double runs on to RMH. They are also considering charging a fee for SOR repeats. Currently we only charge if a transport is made. One person has called 22 times but not been transported. We are using supplies but are not being reimbursed. Council suggested researching what other communities are doing. Jenkins will put together a proposal.

Police – Chief Tucker handed out monthly reports.

He informed Council that the traffic complaint at 2nd & Hannah has shown nothing out of normal, but they will continue to monitor.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution 2016-25 Title VI Plan and Policy** –The policy has been approved and was passed around for signatures.
2. **Highway 52 Property Update** – Pavey has met with the potential buyer.
3. **Trash Options** – Smith said he will review options with Miller and Land.
4. **Sewer Bond Ordinance** – The bond would be for \$4.5 mil at a 2% interest rate. Smith moved to approve Ordinance 2016-22 for sewer improvements. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Water Rate Ordinance** – This would be an increase of 13% or \$1.92 for the minimum bill and \$3.62 for the average bill. Cameron moved to approve the water rate Ordinance 2016-20 on 2nd and final reading. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **Sewer Rate Ordinance** – This would be a 35% increase which would increase the minimum bill by \$9.20 and the average bill by \$18.17. Conner moved to approve the

sewer rate Ordinance 2016-21 on second and final reading. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2016-19 Additional Appropriations EMS & K-9** – Berkemeier moved to approve Ordinance 2016-19. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Ordinance 2016-23 Utility Wage Schedule for 2017** – Smith moved to approve Ordinance 2016-23. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Rezone Parcel 70-11-05-160-003.000-011** – This changes the former VFW area from residential to central business district. Bridges moved to approve the parcel rezone. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Amendment to Article III, Section C, R-2, Single-Family Residential District** – This is a text amendment change to R-2 transitional neighborhood for lot coverage. Smith made a motion to approve the amendment to Article III Section C. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Conner made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:

1. **Grain Bin Property** – Pavey said he has been approached from someone wishing to buy the eastern portion of the property. He asked Council if they feel comfortable moving forward. Council agreed that they would like to move forward.
2. **Code Fee Schedule** – Pavey said he sent out a code fee schedule that needs to be approved before the first of the year.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Smith moved to adjourn. Cameron seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.